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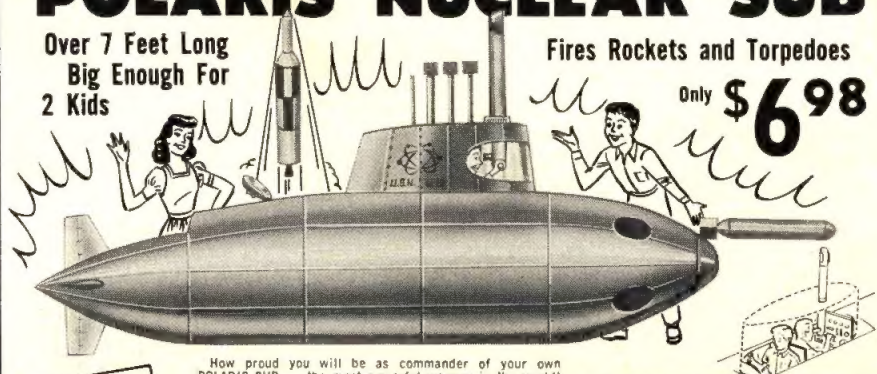
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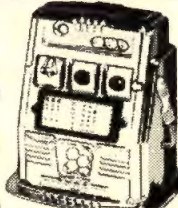
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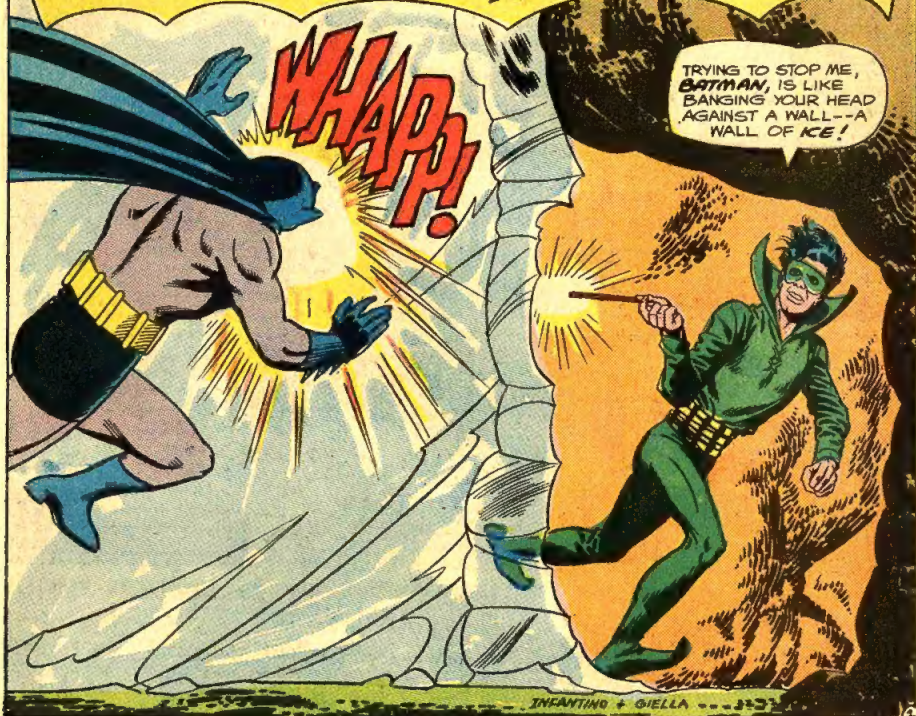
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RAIN AND WIND AND FALLING
HAIL! SLEET, LIGHTNING AND
WHIPPING GALE!

THESE ARE THE CALLING CARDS
OF THE **WEATHER WIZARD**--
MASTER OF THE MONSOON, TYRANT
OF THE TYPHOON, EMIR OF THE
ELEMENTS!

HAVING HAD HIS FULL OF **THE
FLASH** IN CENTRAL CITY, HE
MOVES HIS BASE OF OPERATIONS
TO **GOTHAM CITY**, WHERE **BAT-**
MAN SOON IS ENMESHED IN A
STORMY BATTLE TO PREVENT...

The WEATHER WIZARD'S TRIPLE-TREASURE THEFTS!



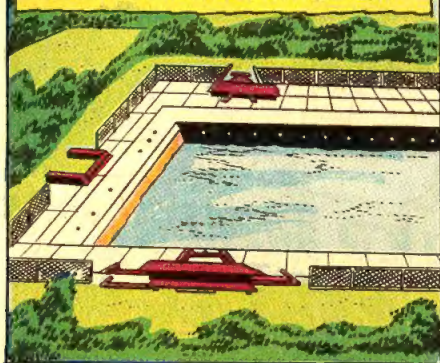
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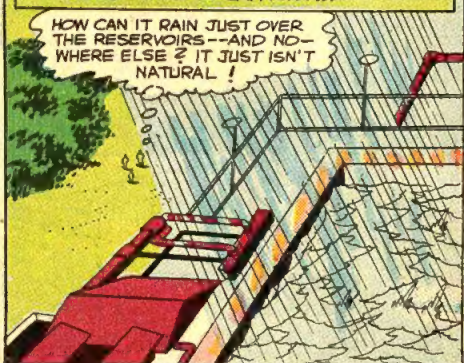
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THE GREAT RESERVOIRS THAT FEED WATER TO GOTHAM CITY ARE ALMOST DRY, FOR THE DROUGHT HAS LASTED FOUR YEARS...



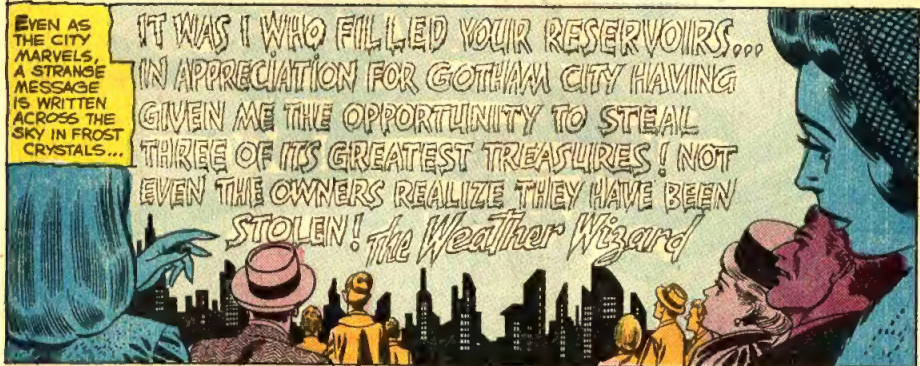
THEN--OVER EACH OF THE SIX GREAT BASINS, TORRENTIAL RAINS POUR DOWN, FILLING THE HUGE TANKS TO CAPACITY...

HOW CAN IT RAIN JUST OVER THE RESERVOIRS--AND NO--WHERE ELSE? IT JUST ISN'T NATURAL!



EVEN AS THE CITY MARVELS, A STRANGE MESSAGE IS WRITTEN ACROSS THE SKY IN FROST CRYSTALS...

IT WAS I WHO FILLED YOUR RESERVOIRS... IN APPRECIATION FOR GOTHAM CITY HAVING GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO STEAL THREE OF ITS GREATEST TREASURES! NOT EVEN THE OWNERS REALIZE THEY HAVE BEEN *STOLEN! The Weather Wizard*

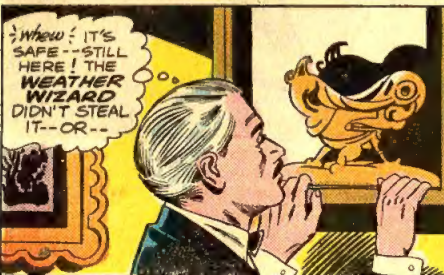


SOON AFTERWARD, IN THE FELIX BAYARD MANSION, THE NOTED BILLIONAIRE COLLECTOR ANXIOUSLY OPENS THE HUGE STEEL DOOR OF HIS PRIVATE VAULT...

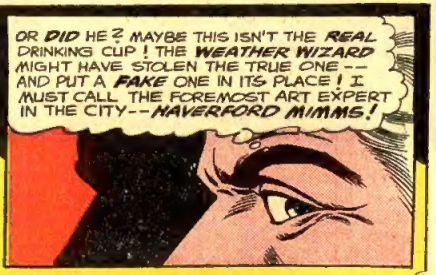


MY RARE DRINKING CUP OF SOLID GOLD IS ABSOLUTELY PRICELESS, BEING THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD! I HOPE IT WASN'T ONE OF THE WEATHER WIZARD'S PRIZES!

WHOW--IT'S SAFE--STILL HERE! THE WEATHER WIZARD DIDN'T STEAL IT--OR--



OR DID HE? MAYBE THIS ISN'T THE REAL DRINKING CUP! THE WEATHER WIZARD MIGHT HAVE STOLEN THE TRUE ONE--AND PUT A FAKE ONE IN ITS PLACE! I MUST CALL THE FOREMOST ART EXPERT IN THE CITY--HAVERFORD MUMMS!



AND SO--WITHIN THE HOUR...

I'LL TAKE ONLY A FEW MOMENTS FOR ME TO DETERMINE THE AUTHENTICITY OF YOUR GOLDEN CUP!



FOR SILENT MOMENTS SHARP EYES STUDY THE GOLDEN OBJECT...

YOU CAN RELAX, MR. BAYARD! THIS IS INDEED THE FAMOUS GOLDEN CUP OF UR!

WHAT A RELIEF! MY WORRIES ARE OVER!



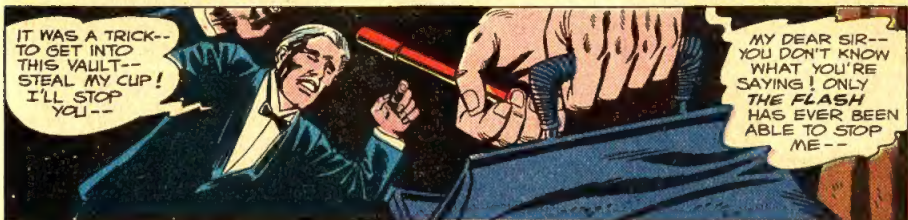
AS LIGHTNING-FAST HANDS WHIP AWAY THE GARB OF THE ART DEALER...

YOUR WORRIES, SIR--HAVE ONLY BEGUN! YOU SEE, I AM NOT THE REAL HAVERFORD MIMMS--BUT--

THE WEATHER WIZARD!



IT WAS A TRICK-- TO GET INTO THIS VAULT-- STEAL MY CUP! I'LL STOP YOU--



MY DEAR SIR-- YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING! ONLY THE FLASH HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO STOP ME--

THE FAMED WEATHER-STICK FLASHES OUT-- AND ITS CHARGED BOLIC ENERGY CREATES A DRIVING RAINSTORM IN THE ROOM...

AND YOU AREN'T THE FLASH-- NOT BY A LONG SHOT!



BUFFETED BY THAT AWESOME DELUGE, HAVERFORD BAYARD IS HELPLESS TO INTERVENE AS...

HA! HA! HA!
I CAME TO
GOTHAM CITY
TO STEAL THREE
OF ITS MOST
VALUABLE
TREASURES--
AND NOW I HAVE
ONE OF THEM!

THEN--A GETAWAY ALONG A RAINBOW OF SOLID HUES...

I DIDN'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA IN ADVANCE WHAT THOSE GREATEST TREASURES WERE--SO I PUT THAT MESSAGE OF THANKS IN THE SKY TO LURE LEERY OWNERS OF PRICELESS OBJECTS TO CHECK THEIR POSSESSIONS--AND UNWITTINGLY TIP ME OFF ABOUT THEM!

I SIMPLY TAPPED THE PHONE OF **HAVINGFORD MIMMS**, THE MOST FAMOUS ART EXPERT OF THEM ALL--AND WHEN FELIX BAYARD PHONED, I WAYLAID MIMMS AND POSED AS HIM TO GET MY HANDS ON THE GOLD DRINKING CLIP TREASURE!

IN THE **BATCAVE**, SOON AFTER, A SCOWLING **BATMAN** IS DRESSING FOR HIS NIGHT PATROL...

THE **WEATHER WIZARD** STOLE THREE OBJECTS--BUT WHICH ONES? I HAVEN'T A SINGLE CLUE TO GO ON! NO ONE'S EVEN REPORTED A THEFT!

I'LL GET THAT **HOT-LINE** CALL, DICK! YOU'VE GOT TO REST THOSE WRISTS YOU INJURED PLAYING BASKETBALL WITH YOUR SCHOOL TEAM!

Alw... THEY DON'T BOTHER ME THAT MUCH!

BRING IT!

AS USUAL, IT IS POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON AT THE OTHER END OF THE WIRE...

...AND WE'VE BEEN FLOODED BY CALLS FROM PEOPLE OWNING UNUSUAL AND VALUABLE OBJECTS! BUT THE ONE THAT'LL INTEREST YOU CAME FROM FELIX BAYARD! HE'S JUST BEEN ROBBED--BY THE **WEATHER WIZARD**!

I'LL BE RIGHT OVER, COMMISSIONER.

AS DICK GRAYSON WATCHES THE BATMOBILE MOVE OUT OF THE SECRET EXIT OF THE BATCAVE...

OH-OH!
IT'S
RAINING!
WOULDN'T
YOU KNOW?

NO SOONER DOES
THE WEATHER
WIZARD FILL
THE RESERVOIRS
THAN NATURE
GETS JEALOUS
AND TAKES A
HAND!



I'D SURE LIKE TO BE GOING
ALONG AND WHIP UP A STORM
OF MY OWN AGAINST THAT
SULTAN OF STORMS!



AT THE POLICE COMMISSIONER'S
OFFICE, THE MASKED MAN-
HUNTER IS QUICKLY BRIEFED
ON WHAT HAPPENED...

SINCE THE
WEATHER
WIZARD
SHOWED UP
TO STEAL THE
DRINKING HORN
AFTER HE
WROTE HIS
SKY MESSAGE--

--THE MESSAGE
WAS NOTHING
MORE THAN A
FISHING
EXPEDITION--
AND TREASURE-
OWNERS ALL
OVER GOTHAM
CITY TOOK
THE BAIT!



AS HE FIGURED, IT LURED
TREASURE-OWNERS INTO
REVEALING THEIR
WHEREABOUTS!

Hmm--
IF IT'S NOT
TOO LATE--
BRUCE WAYNE
COULD VERY
WELL BE THE
WEATHER
WIZARD'S
NEXT VICTIM!
LET'S SEE HOW
COMMISSIONER
GORDON REACTS
TO THAT--



SHORTLY...

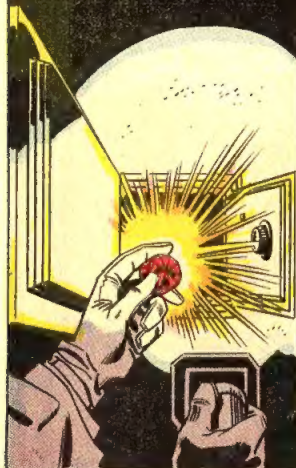
AS BRUCE WAYNE, I OWN THE
FABULOUS **RAJAH RUBY**--
BOUGHT BY MY FATHER WHILE
ON A TRIP TO INDIA! IT'S THE
LARGEST AS WELL AS THE
MOST PERFECT RUBY IN
THE WORLD!



LATER THAT NIGHT, A DARK
FIGURE MOVES LIKE A
SHADOW ACROSS THE STUDY
IN THE BRUCE WAYNE
MANSION...



NIMBLE FINGERS TURN THE
DIALS OF A WALL SAFE--
OPEN ITS METAL DOORS--
AND THEN LIFT OUT THE
PRICELESS **RAJAH RUBY**...



THE MASKED THIEF LEAPS
TOWARD A FLOWER BED..

THIS OUGHT TO MAKE
A NICE SOFT LANDING
SPOT!

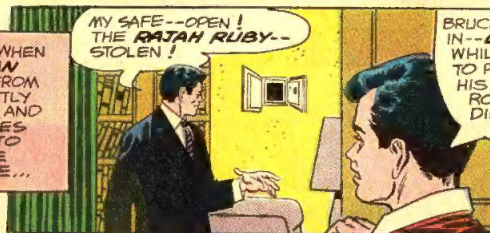


THEN HE RACES OFF INTO THE
NIGHT THROUGH WHAT HAS
NOW BECOME A LIGHT
DRIZZLE ...



AT DAWN, WHEN
BATMAN
RETURNS FROM
HIS NIGHTLY
PATROL, AND
SWITCHES
BACK TO
BRUCE
WAYNE...

MY SAFE--OPEN!
THE **RAJAH RUBY**--
STOLEN!



BRUCE, I HEARD YOU CAME
IN--OH-OH! WHAT A SWITCH!
WHILE **BATMAN** WAS OUT
TO PREVENT CRIMES--
HIS OWN HOUSE WAS
ROBBED! AND--I
DIDN'T HEAR A THING!

STORY
CONTINUED
ON
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FOLLOWING!

RIDDLE ME THIS!--

WHY IS A CARROT LIKE
A **DC** MAGAZINE?

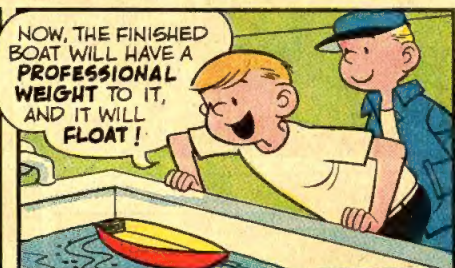
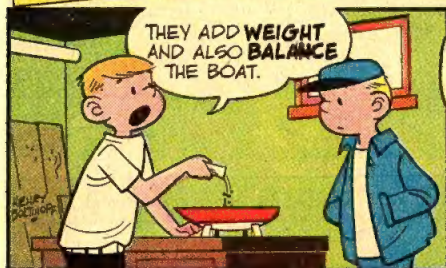
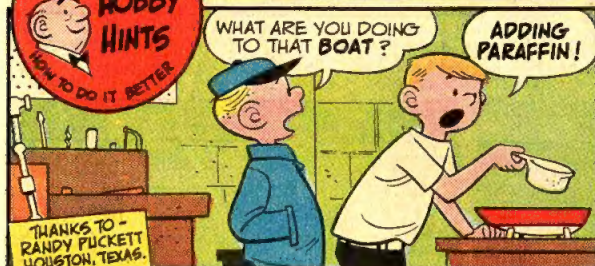


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In the **August JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA**—the annual team-up of the JLA and the **JUSTICE SOCIETY**—"CRISIS BETWEEN EARTH-ONE AND EARTH-TWO!" With those **GOLDEN AGE** favorites—**SPECTRE SANDMAN**, **WILDCAT**, super-etc. No. 46, on sale June 9.

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SUPERMAN and **BATMAN** have tackled some tough foes, like **LUTHOR** and the **JOKER**—but now they're mixing it up with crooks who are weird carbon-copies of themselves—**ANTI-SUPERMAN** and **ANTI-BATMAN**. **August WORLD'S FINEST**, No. 159, on sale June 9.

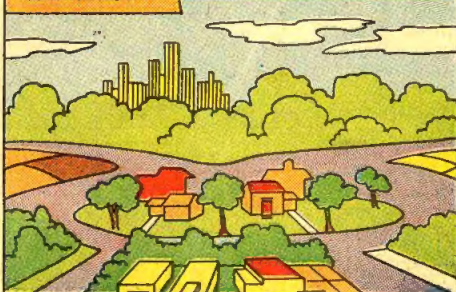
NATURAL BEAUTY--EVERYBODY'S FIGHT

PRESIDENT JOHNSON SAYS: "AT FIRST THERE SEEMED TO BE NO END TO THE WONDER OF THE LAND. AND THEN THE COUNTRY GREW. THERE CAME IGNORANCE, GREED AND RUTHLESS EXPLOITATION. TODAY, NATURAL BEAUTY HAS NEW ENEMIES, AND WE NEED NEW WEAPONS TO FIGHT THESE ENEMIES."

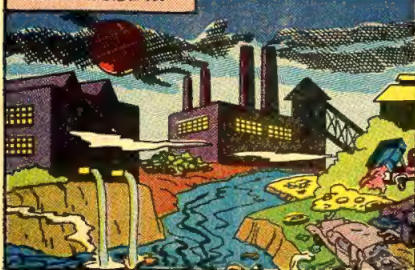
"CITIES DEVASTATE THE COUNTRYSIDE--HIGHWAYS, FACTORIES, SIGNS..."



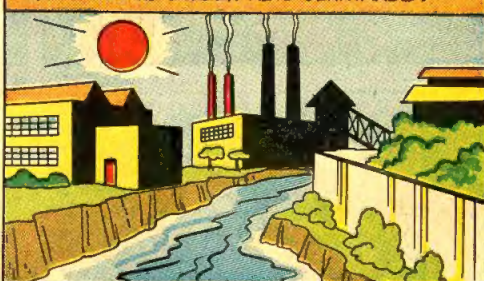
"WE MUST RESTORE AS WELL AS PROTECT...BRING BEAUTY TO THE CITIES AND KEEP IT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE."



"POISONS AND CHEMICALS POLLUTE AIR AND WATER; AUTOMOBILES LITTER OUR COUNTRYSIDE..."



"WE MUST HANDLE WASTE PRODUCTS OF TECHNOLOGY; ELIMINATE AND SCREEN AUTO JUNKYARDS..."



"THE FORGOTTEN OUTDOORSMEN TODAY ARE THOSE WHO LIKE TO WALK, HIKE AND RIDE HORSEBACK..."



"WE MUST PRESERVE STRETCHES OF SCENIC RIVERS; ADD OUTDOOR RECREATION AREAS, ENLARGE OUR WILDERNESS SYSTEM..."

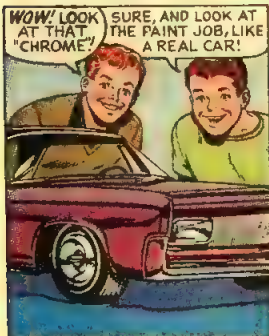
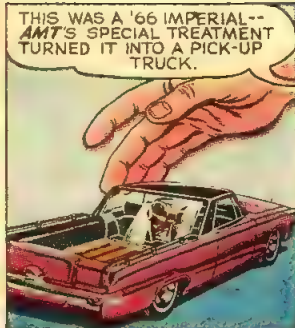
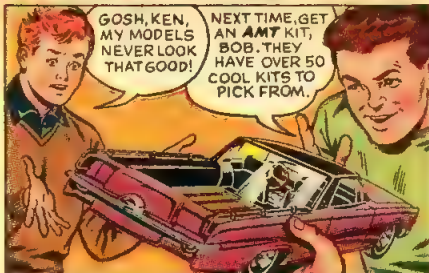


ALL OF US CAN HELP CLEAN UP OPEN SPACES, PROTECT PARKS FROM DAMAGE, TEACH FRIENDS NOT TO LITTER, RESPECT THE PLANTS AND ANIMALS THAT LIVE ON EARTH WITH US.

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HIS FRIENDS TO
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FRIEND BUILD
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THAT MORNING, AFTER BRUCE WAYNE HAS REPORTED THE THEFT OF THE **RAJAH RUBY**, POLICE AND NEWSPAPER REPORTERS FLOOD THE MANSION GROUNDS...

I CERTAINLY AM SORRY YOU WERE MADE THE SECOND VICTIM OF THE **WEATHER WIZARD**, BRUCE --

SEE HERE! THE THIEF JUMPED FROM THE STUDY WINDOW AND LANDED IN THIS **FLOWER BED!**

BUT THE FOOTPRINTS END IN THE GRASS THERE! THERE'S NO WAY TO FOLLOW THEM!

THE DRIZZLE WHICH LASTED UNTIL DAWN RUINED THEM! JUDGING BY THAT DARK CLOUD-- RAIN IS THREATENING TO HIT US AGAIN, TOO!

BUT-- IN THE DARK CLOUD WHICH HOVERS OMINOUSLY ABOVE THE WAYNE MANSION THERE IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF THREAT...

THE POLICE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO TRAIL THOSE INVISIBLE TRACKS-- BUT I CAN! MY **WEATHER WAND** WILL COAT THEM WITH FROST CRYSTALS...

SOON A LINE OF GLITTERING HOAR FROST REVEALS...

THIS THICK FOG I CONJURED UP WILL HIDE ME WHILE I TRAIL THE THIEF'S FOOTPRINTS TO WHEREVER HE TOOK THE **RAJAH RUBY!**

I MANAGED TO CUT IN TO THE POLICE RADIO BROADCASTS WHICH TOLD ABOUT THE RUBY ROBBERY! FROM THE HULLABALOO THE THEFT HAS CAUSED, THAT RUBY MUST BE WELL WORTH STEALING! SO I'LL SWIPE IT FROM THE THIEF!

THE TRAIL LEADS TO A NEARBY SEA-CAVE WHERE THE HOLLOW BOOM OF THE SURF ECHOES LIKE DISTANT DRUMS...

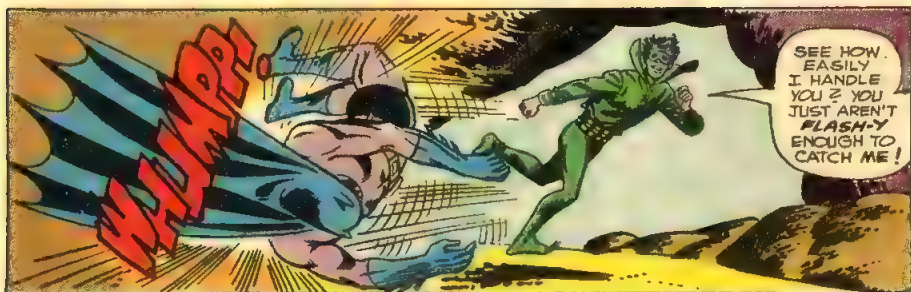
THERE IT IS!
STRANGE, NO
SIGN OF THE
CROOK--

A SHADOW TOUCHES THE FLOOR OF THE CAVE EVEN AS HIS HAND CLOSES ON THE FABLED GEM...

BATMAN! ?
SO YOU WERE HOT
ON THE TRAIL OF
THAT CROOK, TOO!

THE WEATHER-STICK IS WHIPPED OUT--AND A WIND OF HURRICANE FORCE LIFTS THE COWLED CRUSADER AS IF HE WERE A LEAF...

BATMAN--YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE OF STOPPING ME FROM GETTING AWAY WITH THE RAJAH RUBY! IF YOU WERE THE FLASH, I MIGHT BE A BIT MORE CONCERNED!



HAVING CUSHIONED THE IMPACT BY BENDING HIS LEGS AND PLACING HIS FEET AGAINST THE WALL, THE STEEL MUSCLES OF BATMAN'S LEGS TENSE AND...

YOU'VE GOT A
REAL FAT LIP,
WEATHER
WIZARD--

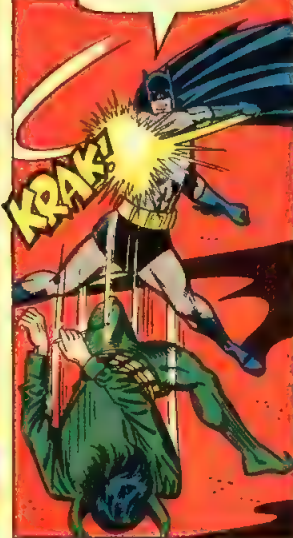
--AND HERE'S
WHERE THAT
FAT LIP GETS
A LOT FATTER !



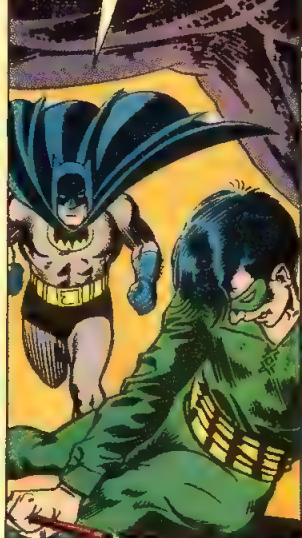
I MAY NOT BE AS FAST AS
THE FLASH-- BUT I MAKE
DO WITH WHAT ORDINARY
POWERS I POSSESS !



BY THE TIME I'M FINISHED
WITH YOU, THE END-RESULT
WILL BE THE SAME AS
FLASH'S--



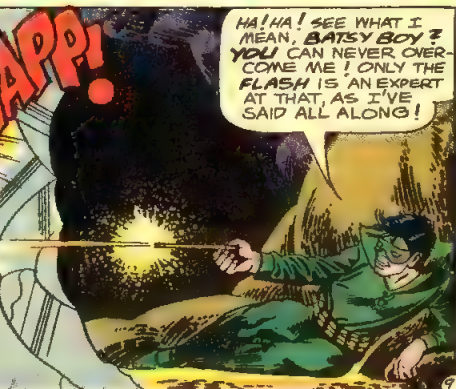
--BACK IN
JAIL !



WITH CRUSHING
IMPACT--
BATMAN RAMS
FULL FORCE INTO
A SUDDENLY-
APPEARING
THICK ICE WALL !..



HA! HA! SEE WHAT I
MEAN, BATSY BOY ?
YOU CAN NEVER OVER-
COME ME ! ONLY THE
FLASH IS AN EXPERT
AT THAT, AS I'VE
SAID ALL ALONG !



THE **WEATHER-STICK** MAKES CRYPTIC MOVEMENTS IN THE AIR AS IT BUILDS A HOLLOW CUBE OF ICE ABOUT THE DAZED **BATMAN**...

BUT THIS TUSSELE WITH YOU IS GOOD PRACTICE FOR ME! IT KEEPS ME KEYPED UP FOR MY NEXT MEETING WITH **THE FLASH**! AND SINCE I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST YOU PERSONALLY, I'M SATISFIED WITH KEEPING YOU OUT OF MY WAY FOR A WHILE!



YOU CAN READ LIPS, **BATMAN**--SO HERE'S THE SET-UP! THE ICE IS FORMED OF SPECIAL CHEMICALS THAT WILL CAUSE IT TO MELT IN **TWO HOURS**! IF YOU DON'T TRY TO ESCAPE, THERE'S ENOUGH AIR IN THERE TO KEEP YOU ALIVE! IF YOU DO TRY ESCAPING--IT'S **BYE-BYE BATMAN**!

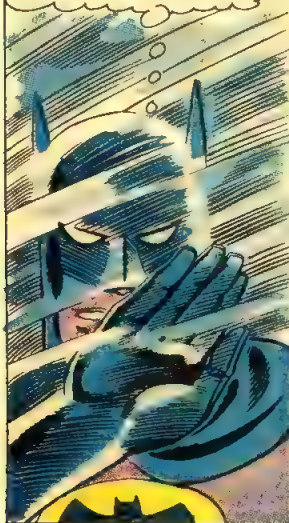


INSIDE THE FOOT-THICK ICE-CUBE...

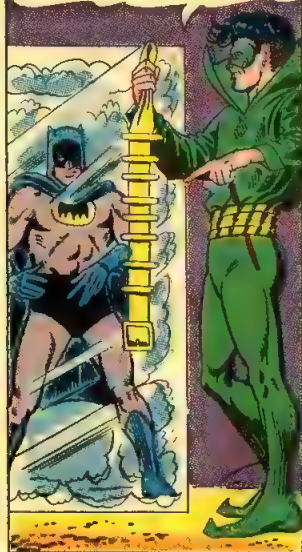
MY PLAN TO CATCH THE **WEATHER WIZARD**--BY POSING AS THE THIEF WHO STOLE THE **BRUCE WAYNE RUBY**--SEEMS TO HAVE BACK-FIRED! I ACTUALLY STOLE THE RUBY AS A **REAL THIEF** WOULD DO--BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT THE **WEATHER WIZARD** TO BECOME SUSPICIOUS...



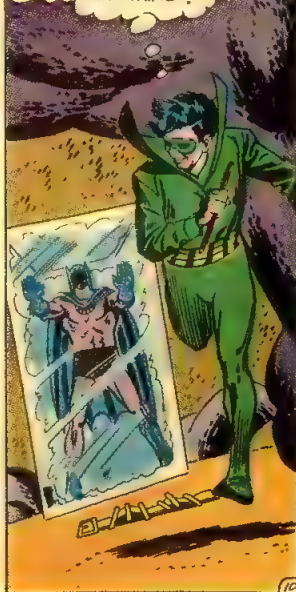
I CALLED THE POLICE AND NEWS-PAPERS JUST AS **BRUCE WAYNE** WOULD HAVE DONE HAD A REAL THIEF STOLEN IT! IT WORKED OUT AS PLANNED--EXCEPT THAT INSTEAD OF SNAPPING SHUT THE TRAP ON THE **WEATHER WIZARD**, HE SNAPPED IT ABOUT ME!



KNOWING YOU KEEP ALL SORTS OF TRICK GADGETS INSIDE YOUR **UTILITY BELT**, I TOOK THE PRECAUTION OF REMOVING IT BEFORE I SEALED YOU INSIDE YOUR ICY PRISON! I'LL LEAVE IT OUTSIDE THE CUBE FOR YOU...



NOW, THAT I HAVE **TWO** OF THE MOST PRECIOUS TREASURES IN **GOthAM CITY**, I'M OFF TO GRAB THE THIRD!



EVEN AS THE **WEATHER WIZARD** RACES OFF, THE **NIMBLE WITS** OF THE **MASKED MANHUNTER** ARE WORKING FURIOUSLY...

WHAT TO DO? WAIT PASSIVELY FOR THE ICE TO MELT AND FREE ME--OR RISK DEATH BY TRYING TO FREE MYSELF! WELL, THE CHOICE IS CLEAR...



THE **WEATHER WIZARD** IS ALSO DOING SOME DEEP THINKING...

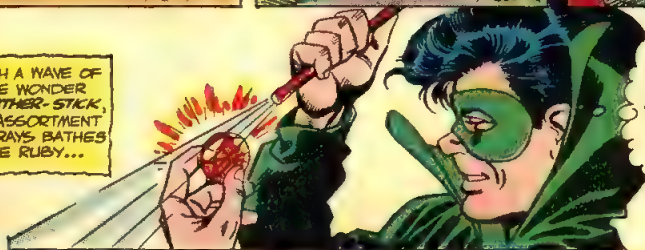
IT SURE WAS EASY, DEFEATING **BATMAN**-- *Hmmm!* MAYBE IT WAS *TOO* EASY! I KIDDED HIM ABOUT NOT HAVING **FLASH'S** SPEED--BUT **BATMAN** IS NOTED FOR USING HIS **WITS**--AND BEING A TRICKY GUY--



I WONDER IF THIS **RAJAH RUBY** COULD POSSIBLY BE GIAMICKED UP IN SOME WAY? IF IT IS--AND IF **BATMAN** SHOULD ESCAPE MY ICE-TRAP--HE COULD EASILY FOLLOW ME! I BETTER TEST IT BEFORE I GO ANY FURTHER...



WITH A WAVE OF THE WONDER **WEATHER-STICK**, AN ASSORTMENT OF RAYS BATHES THE **RUBY**...



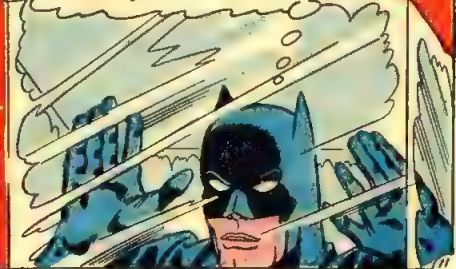
SURE ENOUGH! **BATMAN** COATED THE **RUBY** WITH A **CHEMICAL** WHICH CREATES A COLUMN OF LIGHT VISIBLE ONLY IN THE **INFRA-RED** WAVE BAND! NEAT, NEAT!

WELL, I KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THAT! *YESSIEEE--* THIS SESSION WITH **BATMAN** IS REALLY SHARPENING MY **WITS** FOR A FUTURE ENCOUNTER WITH **THE FLASH**, ALL RIGHT!



ENCASED WITHIN THE CUBE OF ICE, THE **COWLED CRUSADER** TAKES STOCK OF WHAT **LITTLE FACTS** HE HAS IN HIS FAVOR...

THIS ISN'T **NORMAL** ICE--IT'LL MELT IN TWO SHORT HOURS! IT MUST HAVE BEEN FORMED WITH SOME SPECIAL **HEAT-ABSORBING CHEMICAL**! BY ABSORBING HEAT FROM THE AIR AROUND IT, THE ICE WILL MELT FASTER! IN THAT CASE--



--MAYBE I CAN HASTEN THE MELTING PROCESS BY USING MY BOOT HEEL ON THE ICE ! THOSE NAILS WILL CREATE CONSIDERABLE HEAT BY **FRICTION !**



GRIPPING THE LOOSENED BOOT HEEL IN HIS POWERFUL HAND, HE SCRAPES ITS NAILS BACK AND FORTH IN THE ICE...



IT'S WORKING ! THE CHEMICAL IN THE ICE IS ABSORBING THE FRICTION-HEAT ! THE ICE IS MELTING FASTER THAN IT WOULD NORMALLY !

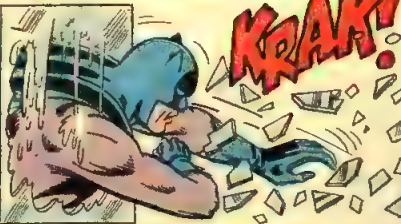
THE AIR GROWS THIN AND HIS MIGHTY LUNGS LABOR FOR BREATH ! EVEN THE MASSIVE MUSCLES OF **BATMAN** GROW TIRED UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS...



!PANT! GOT TO REST-- A FEW MOMENTS ! A BIT MORE SCRAPING AND I OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO BREAK OUT...



SHORTLY...



KRAK!

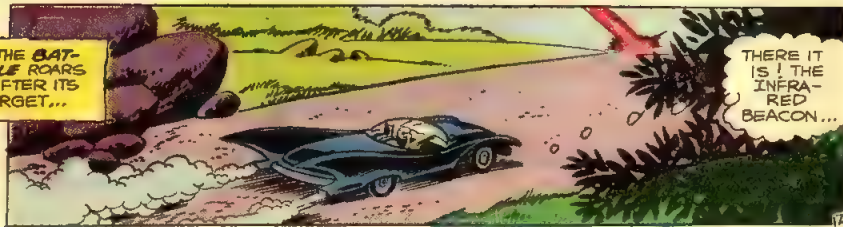
MADE IT-- JUST IN TIME ! THE OXYGEN WAS JUST ABOUT USED UP INSIDE THE TRAP ! NOW--TO GO AFTER THE **WEATHER WIZARD !**

PAUSING TO SNATCH UP THE **UTILITY BELT**, THE MASKED MANHUNTER INSERTS **INFRA-RED** LENSES IN HIS EYE-SLITS...

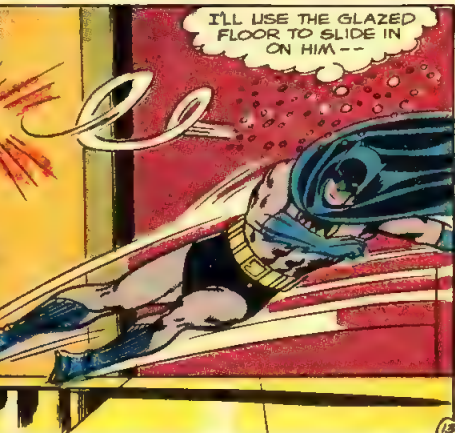
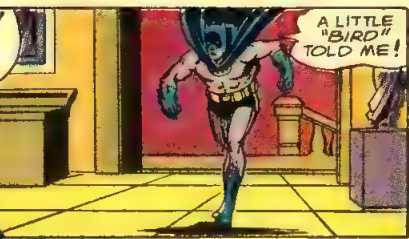
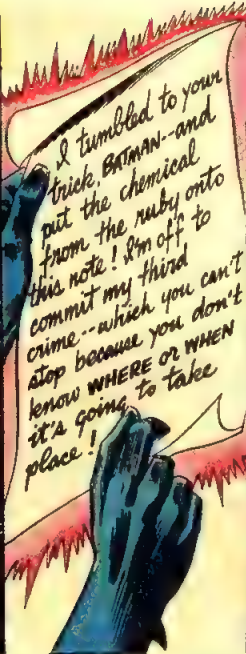
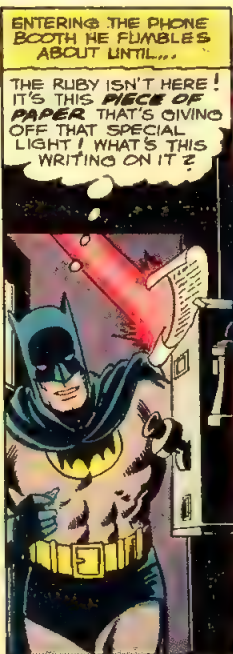
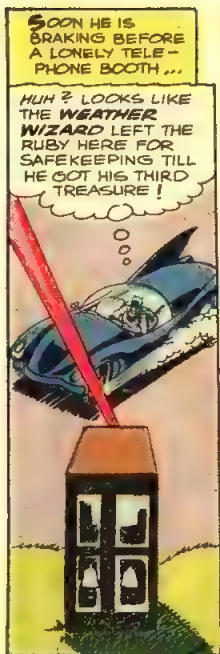


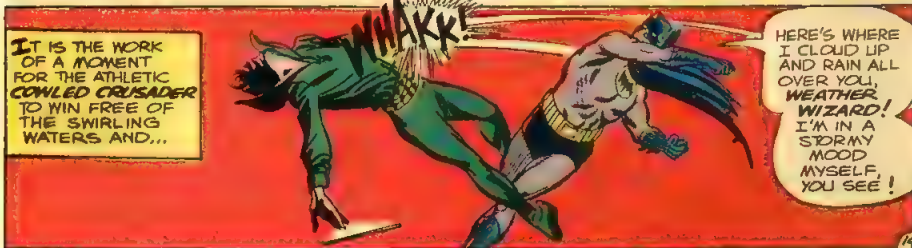
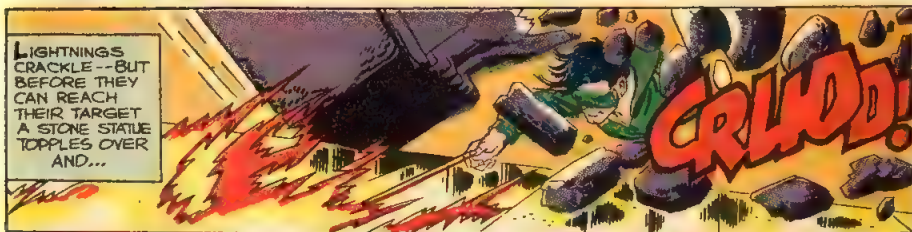
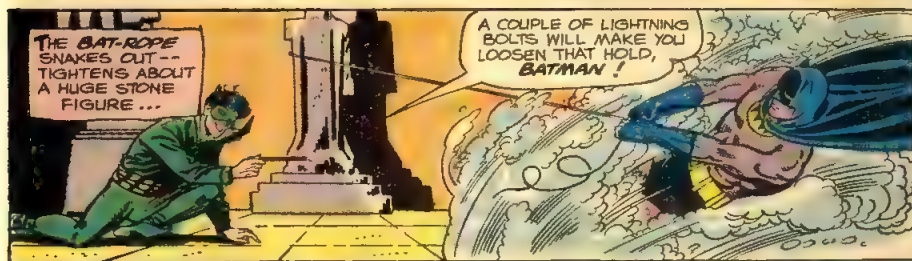
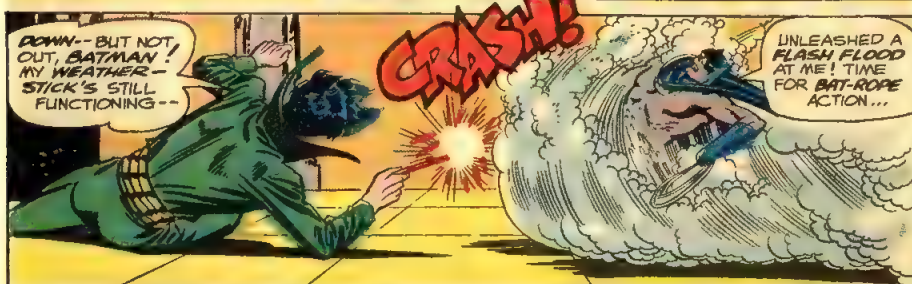
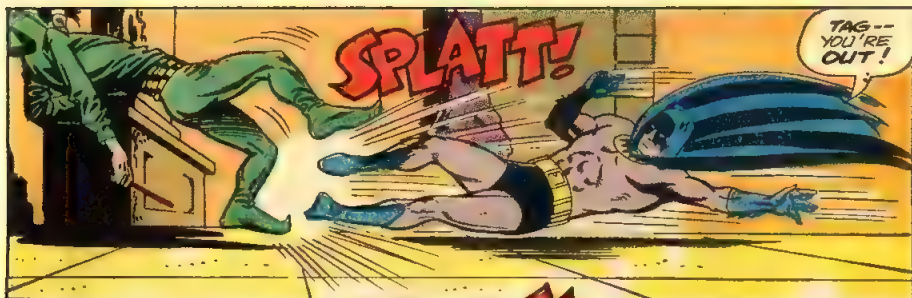
THERE ! NOW I CAN PICK UP THE BEAM OF **INFRA-RED** LIGHT THE **RUBY** IS GIVING OFF !

THEN THE **BAT-MOBILE** ROARS OFF AFTER ITS TARGET...



THERE IT IS ! THE **INFRA-RED** BEACON...





AFTER BAT-CUFFS HAVE BEEN SNAPPED ON THE WEATHER WIZARD AND HIS WEAPON TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM...

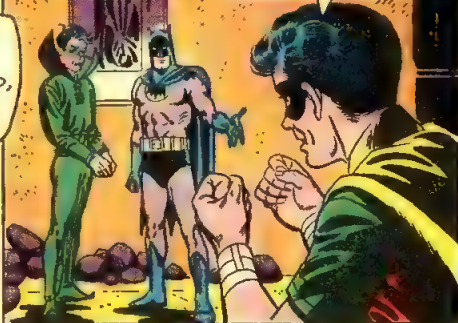
WHAT DID YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAID A LITTLE "BIRD" TOLD YOU WHERE I'D BE?

A BIRD--BY THE NAME OF ROBIN! I HAD ARRANGED WITH HIM TO FOLLOW YOU BY CAR FROM THE SEA-CAVE AND STAY ON YOUR TRAIL NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENED TO ME! WHEN I FOUND THE NOTE YOU DOCTORED, I CONTACTED HIM ON MY TWO-WAY RADIO TRANSMITTER AND HE TOLD ME WHERE YOU WERE!



ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MY MOST VALUABLE TREASURE-- ROBIN-- THE BOY WONDER!

BECAUSE OF MY WRISTS, BATMAN GAVE ME STRICT ORDERS TO DO NO FIGHTING! I WAS TEMPTED TO RESCUE HIM FROM THE ICE-CUBE BUT I OBEYED ORDERS AS A GOOD SOLDIER SHOULD!



LATER, IN THE BATCAVE...

THAT WAS A LUCKY LIFE-SAVING BREAK WHEN THAT STATUE HAPPENED TO FALL ONTO THE WEATHER WIZARD!

LUCKY BREAK, NOTHING! YOU SAID NOT TO FIGHT--BUT I FIGURED THAT ORDER DIDN'T STOP ME FROM KICKING OVER THAT STATUE INTO THE WEATHER WIZARD! IT WAS THE KICK IN TIME THAT SAVED BATMAN!



The End

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RIDDLE ME THIS!-- WHY ARE THE INFERIOR FIVE APPEARING IN SHOWCASE?



BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT BRAVE AND BOLD ENOUGH TO APPEAR ANYWHERE ELSE!

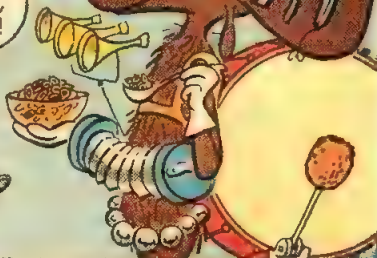


ROCKY and BULLWINKLE



YOU AND
CHEERIOS
REALLY MAKE
SWEET MUSIC
TOGETHER,
BULLWINKLE!

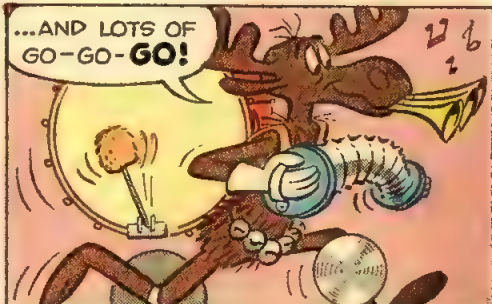
UH-HUH.



CHEERIOS N' MILK GIVE
US PEOPLE MUSCLE-MAKIN'
PROTEIN...

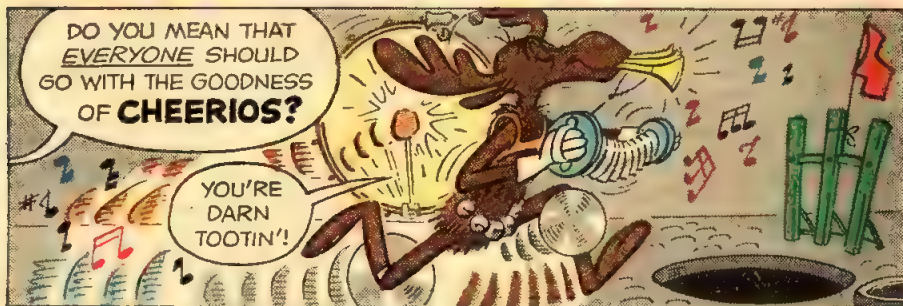


...AND LOTS OF
GO-GO-GO!

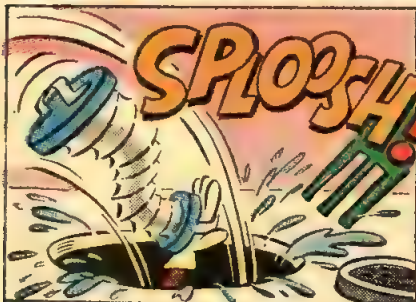


DO YOU MEAN THAT
EVERYONE SHOULD
GO WITH THE GOODNESS
OF **CHEERIOS**?

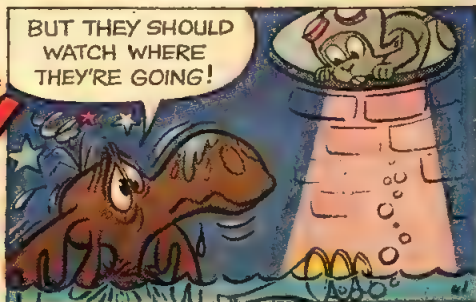
YOU'RE
DARN
TOOTIN'!



SPLOOSH!



BUT THEY SHOULD
WATCH WHERE
THEY'RE GOING!



BATMAN'S HOT-LINE

Dear Editor: The March *Detective Comics* contained an extremely unusual *Batman* yarn. Unusual because none of the many *Batman* epics ever reached such an all-time high in story, plot and art as did "The Blockbuster Breaks Loose." Wow!

Joe Kubert's cover was exceedingly well done. Each of the three stars depicted on the cover expressed feelings very clearly. Seen were the *Blockbuster's* sheer hatred of *Batman*, *Robin's* unswerving loyalty and his desperation, and the stark fear on *Batman's* face.

The interior art was great! The hateful and puzzled looks of the *Blockbuster* were really a sight. Also, the battered and bruised face of *Batman* on page 9 showed that artist Infantino is one man who knows that a vulnerable super-hero does NOT have an invulnerable face!

Storywise, "The Blockbuster Breaks Loose" was one of the great ones. In my opinion it will go down in DC history as *Detective Comics'* biggest triumph. —Paul Laginess, River Rouge, Mich.

(That the *Blockbuster* did not explode with equal impact upon all our readers as a suitable antagonist for *Batman* is attested to by our next bombastic correspondent. —Editor)

Dear Editor: I did not consider "The Blockbuster Breaks Loose" one of your better efforts. Why, because the *Blockbuster* is not a worthy opponent for *Batman*. I shall explain . . .

Batman is an individual whose brain contains volumes of scientific information which greatly aids him in his attack against crime and a body in near physical condition to go with it. Now let us examine the *Blockbuster*. He is a brute with unearthly physical strength and a warped mind which are both the result of a potion he drank. Being so much stronger and bigger than *Batman*, he almost defeated him in their first engagement, but *Batman* used his unique brain to figure out a way to triumph over the *Blockbuster* for the present time.

As you can see from this comparison, the *Blockbuster* is not suited for *Batman*. The *Caped Crusader* deserves opponents like the *Riddler* and *Joker* who use methods of committing crimes that require our hero to think to beat his opponents. This makes for a better story because it is more interesting and exciting to see the *Gotham Gladiator* use his scientific knowledge to thwart his nemeses.

The *Elongated Man* story, "The 13 O'Clock Robbery," was excellent, as usual. I always enjoy reading his yarns and love his tricky tactics that he uses in winding up his capers. —Alan Trahern, Covington, La.

Dear Editor: I would like to make a few comments about everything in *Detective* which, next to *Teen Titans*, is my favorite comic mag.

May I start by mentioning the readers. I love to read the letters written by Mike Friedrich. His letters are so authoritatively written, as though he really knows what he's writing about. Ditto Kenneth Gallagher and Guy H. Lillian III.

Next, artwork. I *luv* Carmine Infantino's *Batman* and *Robin*. His action drawings really leave me breathless.

Next, the *Elongated Man*. He is groovy! I *luv* the way he stretches—but how does he do it? I can almost understand his getting his cells (muscle-wise) to stretch, but what about his bones?

Now, for my favorite part—more *Robin* solos, puh-leeze! I really *luv Robin* and I treasure "The Midnight Raid of the Robin Gang"—so more of the same.

Well, I've finally gotten everything off my chest—except for one last thing, dear editor: I *luv you!* —Ingrid Nuernberg, Woodland Hills, Calif.

(So do I! —Editor's Wife)

Dear Editor: Do you have bats in your belfry or something? In "The Blockbuster Breaks Loose"—page 10, last panel—you show *Robin* shining the calcium light in *Batman's* face, and *Robin's* mask is missing! Wouldn't this expose his secret Dick Grayson identity? —Stan Sawicki, Westminster, Colo.

(Rather than pull out a card from our handy-dandy alibi file to cover up our goof, an obliging reader has rushed to our defense with a cover-up which tops anything we could have offered. Read on . . . —Editor)

Dear Editor: I find it my sad task to inform you of possibly the biggest mistake since you showed *The Flash* losing his mask in a *Justice League* adventure some time ago. On page 10, of "The Blockbuster Breaks Loose," the *Boy Wonder* is displayed without his identity-saving mask!

But, Mr. Editor, I find this to be no excuse for panic. The *Outsider* had *Batman's* cowl under his control; you said so and it is a proven fact. Is it then too unreasonable to assume that the *Outsider* also had *Robin's* mask under his control? The *Blockbuster* went under a complete body chemistry change in order to become the *Blockbuster*. Now we have all the components necessary for the reasonable explanation behind all this.

The *Blockbuster's* strange chemistry, emitting a high-frequency radiation, plus the eerie control over *Robin's* mask (conducted by the *Outsider*), plus the calcium beam that *Robin* was holding caused his mask to momentarily fade from sight!

In closing, let me say that this issue (*Detective* 349) was an outstanding contribution to this ever popular field of American literature. (Make you feel better?) —Frank Klein, Webster Groves, Mo.

(Cool, man—now that you've got us off the hot seat! —Editor)

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The ELONGATED Man

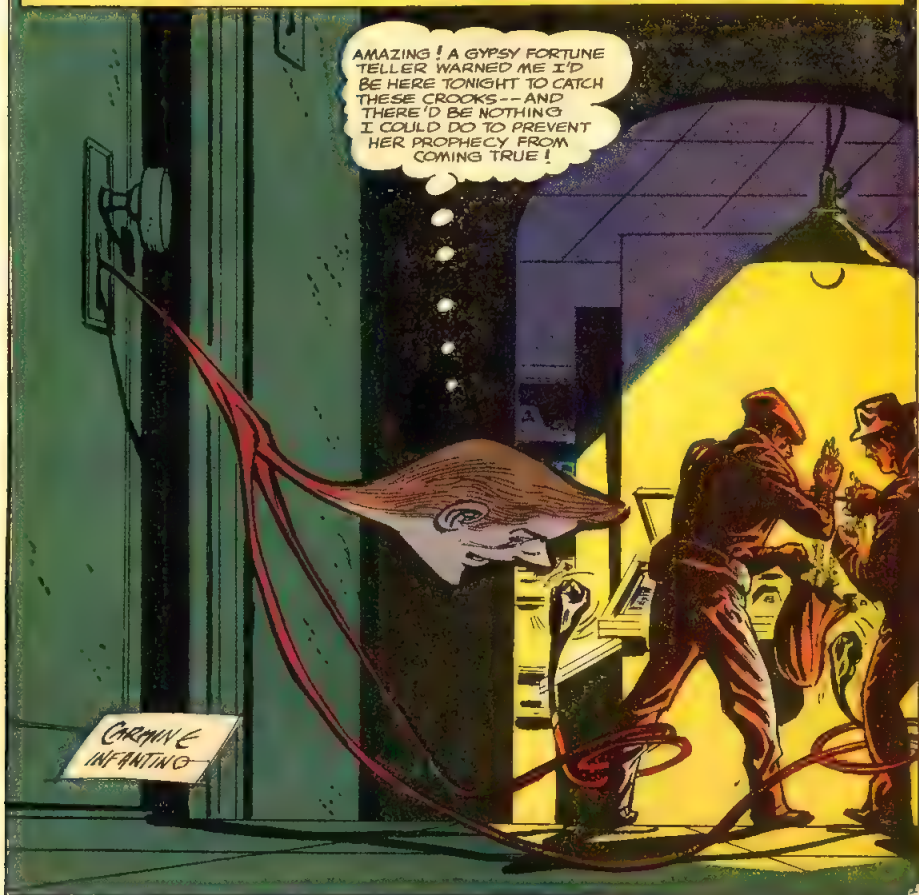
QUAKER CITY HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING A QUIET PLACE WHERE "NOTHING EVER HAPPENS" -- AND SO IT WAS UNTIL SUE DIBNY WENT TO A GYPSY TEA ROOM AND HAD HER FORTUNE TOLD!

THEN BLUE FURY BROKE LOOSE AS HER HUSBAND -- THE **ELONGATED MAN** -- FOUND HIMSELF COMPELLED TO ACT OUT HIS OWN FUTURE AS FORETOLD BY...

THE PUZZLING PROPHECIES OF THE **TEA LEAVES!**

AMAZING! A GYPSY FORTUNE TELLER WARNED ME I'D BE HERE TONIGHT TO CATCH THESE CROOKS -- AND THERE'D BE NOTHING I COULD DO TO PREVENT HER PROPHECY FROM COMING TRUE!

CARMINE INFANTINO



IN A LITTLE GYPSY TEA ROOM
SOMEWHERE IN **QUAKER
CITY**, SUE DIBNY SQUIRMS
EXCITEDLY AS ...

THE LEAVES
INDICATE
YOU ARE
DESTINED
TO TAKE A
FALL, MADAM--
SO BE CAREFUL!
AND SOON
AFTERWARD--
AN OMINOUS
VOICE WILL
GREET YOU
WHEN YOU
RETURN
HOME!

I DON'T
REALLY
BELIEVE
IN
FORTUNE
TELLING--
BUT IT'S
THE
FUN-THING
TO DO...

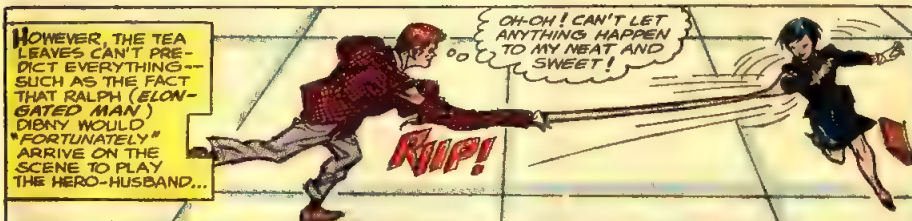
WHAT'S THIS? YOU DON'T BE-
LIEVE WHAT THE GYPSY GIRL
SAID, SUE? THEN BITE
YOUR TONGUE--FOR AN
HOUR LATER ...

Hmmmm! THOSE TEA
LEAVES WERE RIGHT
ABOUT THE FIRST
PROPHECY...

YIIII-- MY HEEL
BROKE OFF--
I'M FALLING!



HOWEVER, THE TEA
LEAVES CAN'T PRE-
DICT EVERYTHING--
SUCH AS THE FACT
THAT RALPH (ELON-
GATED MAN)
DIBNY WOULD
"FORTUNATELY"
ARRIVE ON THE
SCENE TO PLAY
THE HERO-HUSBAND...

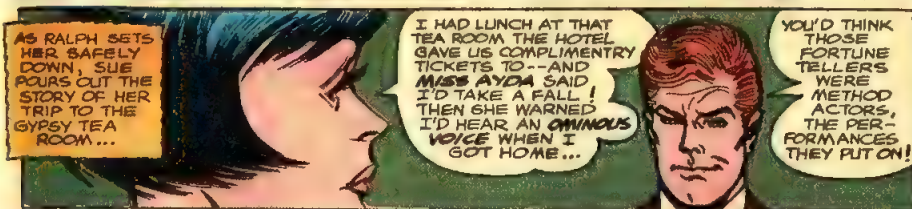


OH-OH! CAN'T LET
ANYTHING HAPPEN
TO MY NEAT AND
SWEET!

AS RALPH SETS
HER SAFELY
DOWN, SUE
POURS OUT THE
STORY OF HER
TRIP TO THE
GYPSY TEA
ROOM...

I HAD LUNCH AT THAT
TEA ROOM THE HOTEL
GAVE US COMPLIMENTARY
TICKETS TO--AND
MISS AYDA SAID
I'D TAKE A FALL!
THEN SHE WARNED
I'D HEAR AN OMINOUS
VOICE WHEN I
GOT HOME...

YOU'D THINK
THOSE
FORTUNE
TELLERS
WERE
METHOD
ACTORS,
THE PER-
FORMANCES
THEY PUT ON!

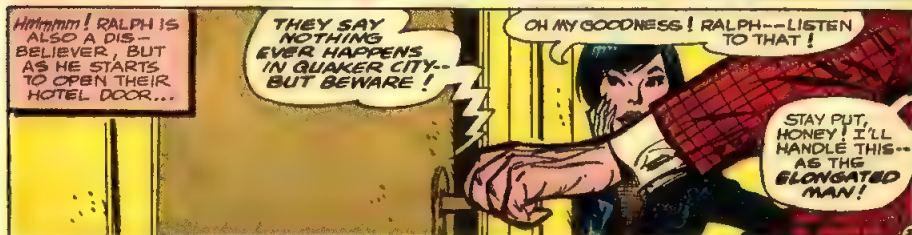


Hmmmm! RALPH IS
ALSO A DIS-
BELIEVER, BUT
AS HE STARTS
TO OPEN THEIR
HOTEL DOOR...

THEY SAY
NOTHING
EVER HAPPENS
IN QUAKER CITY--
BUT BEWARE!

OH MY GOODNESS! RALPH--LISTEN
TO THAT!

STAY PUT,
HONEY! I'LL
HANDLE THIS--
AS THE
ELONGATED
MAN!



OFF COMES HIS
RIPPED JACKET
AND SHIRT AND
IN SECONDS
THE **DUCTILE**
DETECTIVE
MAKES HIS
MOVE ...

HERE I GO---
SNEAKY-LIKE--
UNDER THE
DOORWAY...

BETTER YOU
RIPPED YOUR
JACKET
THAN I GOT
A BRUISED
KNEE!

HARDLY HAS HER
HUSBAND HAD
TIME TO ENTER
THEIR ROOM
THAN ...

HA! HA!

I'LL SEW THIS
UP IN--HUH?
RALPH! WHAT'S
SO FUNNY?
RALPH--
ANSWER
ME! WHAT
ARE YOU
LAUGHING
AT INSIDE
THE ROOM?

COME IN,
DEAR--
ALL'S
CLEAR!
MEET THE
STRANGER
WITH THE
OMINOUS
VOICE--
A MYNAH
BIRD IN A
GILDED
CAGE!

THEY SAY
NOTHING
EVER
HAPPENS
IN QUAKER
CITY--BUT
BEWARE!

WHO
LET
THAT
IN HERE?

THAT'S
WHAT
RALPH
ALSO
WANTS
TO
KNOW--
JUDGING
FROM HIS
TWITCHING
NOSE!

WHY SHOULD A
FORTUNE TELLER
GO TO SUCH
WAY-OUT
LENGTHS TO
MAKE HER
PREDICTION
COME TRUE?
WHAT'S BEHIND
IT? I'M GOING
DOWN AND
PLAY TWENTY
QUESTIONS
WITH THE
HOTEL
MANAGER!

THE DELIVERY
MAN SAID
YOU'D
ORDERED
THE BIRD,
MRS. DIBNY--
SO I LET
HIM IN!

WELL--
I
DIDN'T!

BEFORE
I BEAT
BRAINS
TRYING
TO SOLVE
THIS
MYSTERY
I THINK
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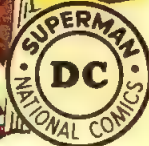
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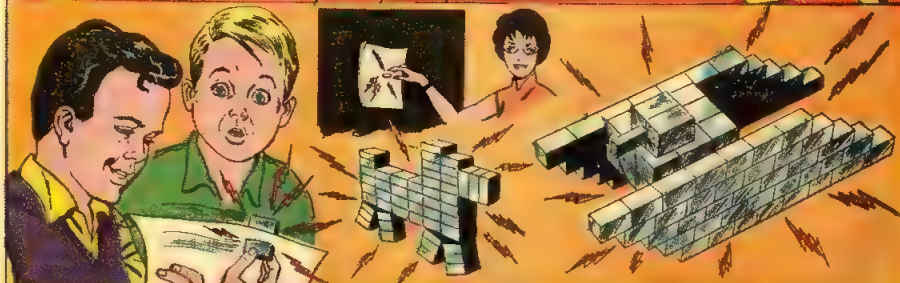
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AFTER THE EMOTIONAL MRS. HARROW DEPARTS...

NOW THEN, MISS AYDA--WHAT'S THE IDEA OF SENDING A MYNABIRD OVER TO OUR ROOM? WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

UP TO? I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW I SIMPLY READ TEA LEAVES! THEY TELL THE FUTURE! I ONLY INTERPRET THEM!



OH, COME OFF IT! NOBODY HAS THE ABILITY TO READ THE FUTURE FROM TEA LEAVES...

THAT'S YOUR OPINION! AS A MATTER OF FACT--I SEE BY THE LEAVES THAT YOU ARE GOING TO STOP A ROBBERY THIS VERY NIGHT!



THE ROBBERY WILL TAKE PLACE AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE LOFTS JEWEL SALON ON CHAPEL STREET! THREE MEN WILL ATTEMPT TO ROB IT! YOU WILL STOP THEM!

OH NO I WON'T! MY FUTURE INCLUDES THEATER TICKETS FOR A HIT SHOW TONIGHT AND THAT'S WHERE I'M GOING TO BE AT TEN O'CLOCK! WAIT AND SEE!



THAT'S TELLING HER, **ELONGATED MAN!** AND THAT'S WHERE YOU ARE, SURE ENOUGH--AT CURTAIN TIME...

I'M NOT MAKING THAT GYPSY LOOK GOOD BY RUSHING OFF WHEREVER SHE SAYS I'M GOING! NOT IN A MILLION YEARS!

mmmm-hmmmm!



BUT AROUND THE MIDDLE OF THE SECOND ACT...

LOOK AT HIM! HE CAN HARDLY SIT STILL! AND HIS NOSE IS TWITCHIER AND JUMPIER THAN I'VE EVER SEEN IT! HE CAN'T WAIT TO GET GOING!

MAYBE THERE REALLY IS GOING TO BE A ROBBERY! I'D NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF IF I PERMITTED SOMEONE TO BE ROBBED--WITHOUT TRYING TO STOP IT!



**RALPH! RALPH! WATCH
THAT NOSE! COPS... TOO
LATE ...**

WHAT DIFFERENCE
DOES IT MAKE
IF THE GYPSY
GIRL KNOWS I'M
GOING TO BE A
HERO TONIGHT?
I OWE IT TO
MYSELF TO...

**RALPH
DIBNY!
GET
YOUR
NOSE
OUT OF
THAT
LADY'S
HAIRDO!**

EEEEK!



**WELL--
REALLY!!!**

**YOU GET RIGHT OUT
OF HERE, RALPH
DIBNY--AND STOP
THOSE CROOKS!
HONESTLY! FOR A
BROWN MAN YOU
CAN ACT AWFULLY
CHILDISH AT
TIMES! I'LL TAKE
A TAXI HOME!
NOW--SCAT!
GET WITH IT!**



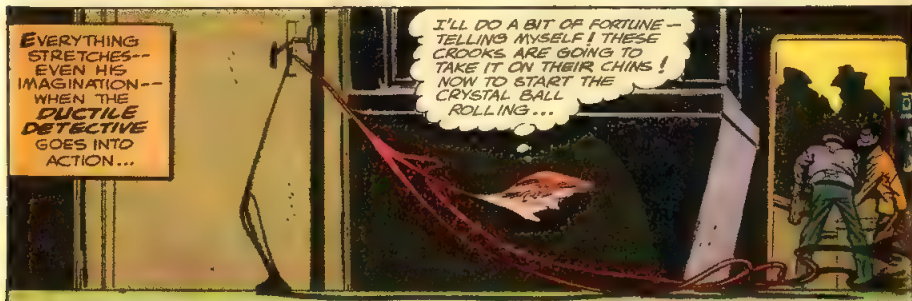
**IN A FEW MINUTES (AT HIS
HUNDRED YARD STRIDES, THE
STRETCHABLE SLEUTH CAN
REALLY TRAVEL WHEN HE
WANTS TO) AND WITH A
SHEEPISH GRIN ON HIS LIPS,
HE APPEARS BEFORE THE
LOFTUS JEWEL SALON ...**

**WHAT A GAL! SUE KNOWS
ME BETTER THAN I KNOW
MYSELF! OH-OH! MAY-
BE THE GYPSY GAL DOES
TOO--BECAUSE THERE
ARE ROBBERS
INSIDE!**



**EVERYTHING
STRETCHES--
EVEN HIS
IMAGINATION--
WHEN THE
DUCTILE
DETECTIVE
GOES INTO
ACTION...**

**I'LL DO A BIT OF FORTUNE --
TELLING MYSELF! THESE
CROOKS ARE GOING TO
TAKE IT ON THEIR CHINS!
NOW TO START THE
CRYSTAL BALL
ROLLING...**

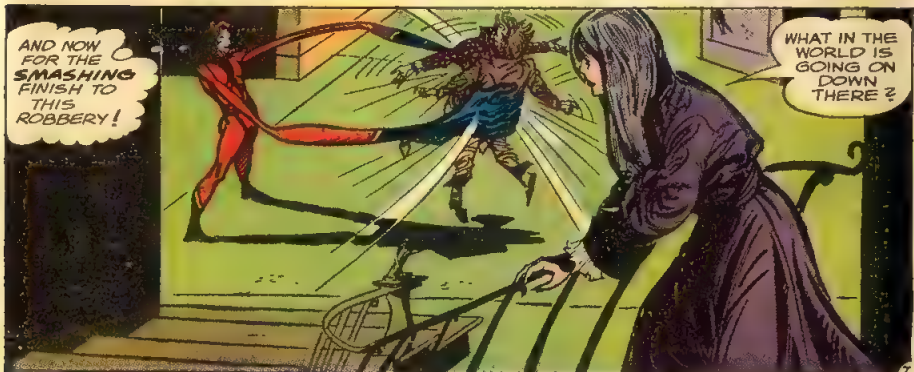
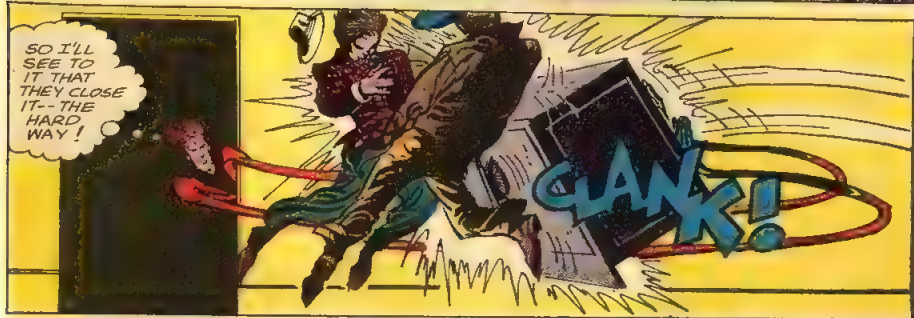
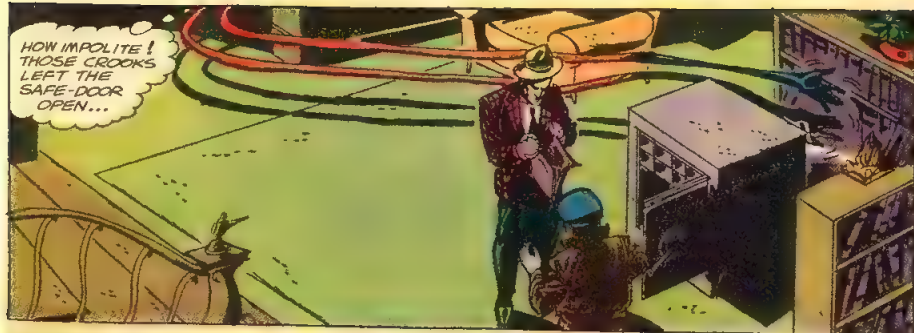


**HEYYY! A
SNAKE'S
GOT HOLD
OF ME!**

**ME
TOO!**







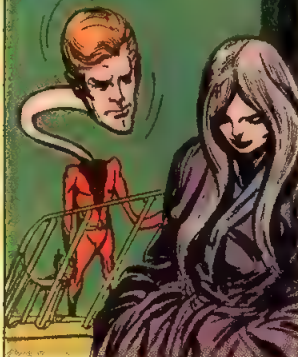
SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME, YOU ORANGE PEKOE ORACLE! THERE'S \$100,000 IN THIS ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO MRS. HARRON! YOU WERE GOING TO SEND IT TO HER-- BUT WHY? THAT'S A PRETTY EXPENSIVE WAY OF MAKING A PROPHECY COME TRUE!

IT--IT WASN'T FOR THAT REASON!



YOU PLANTED A MYNAH BIRD IN MY ROOM, FIGURING IT WOULD MAKE ME CURIOUS AND COME TO SEE YOU! I SUPPOSE YOU SAW SUE'S LOOSE HEEL AND KNEW THAT SOONER OR LATER SHE'D TAKE A TUMBLE! BUT WHAT'S BEHIND ALL THIS?

MY N-NAME IS ALICE AVERY. YOU KNEW MY FATHER, ANDREW AVERY...



'ROCK 'EM, SOCK 'EM, AVERY? HE WAS A REAL TOUGH BUSINESS MAN, ALL RIGHT! YEARS AGO AS RALPH DIBNY I HAD DEALINGS WITH HIM... TO MY SORROW!

YES--HE STEPPED ON PEOPLE--TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THEM--TOYED WITH THEM AS IF THEY WERE PLAY-THINGS! IT WAS ALL PERFECTLY LEGAL-- BUT RUTHLESS! IN HIS LATER YEARS HE REGRETTED THESE TACTICS-- AND WANTED TO MAKE AMENDS TO PEOPLE HE HURT.

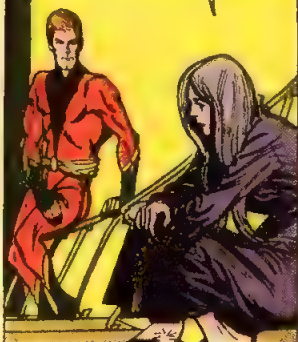


SO WHEN HE DIED AND LEFT HIS FORTUNE TO ME, I BOUGHT THIS TEA ROOM AND USED IT AS A "FRONT" TO ARRANGE TO GIVE PEOPLE THE MONEY THEY MIGHT HAVE MADE ON DEALS HAD MY FATHER NOT OUT-SMARTED THEM! FOR INSTANCE, HE FELT HE OWED A DEBT TO JOHN LOFTUS WHO OWNS THE JEWELRY STORE...



SO YOU USED ME TO CATCH THE CROOKS WHO INTENDED ROBBING HIM!

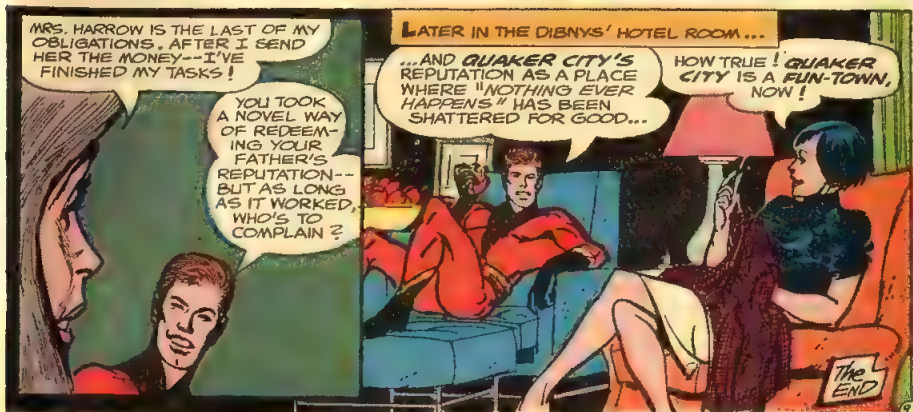
YES--THEREBY SAVING JOHN LOFTUS FROM A BIG LOSS! I HAPPENED TO OVERHEAR THE CROOKS PLANNING THEIR ROBBERY JUST BEFORE YOUR WIFE CAME IN. I KNEW HER HUSBAND WAS THE **ELONGATED MAN**--THE SAME RALPH DIBNY MY FATHER HAD TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF!



I FELT FATHER OWED YOU SOMETHING, TOO--BUT SINCE YOU HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY, I TRIED TO RE-PAY YOU IN A DIFFERENT AND MORE SUITABLE FASHION--BY GIVING YOU A STRANGE MYSTERY TO SOLVE!

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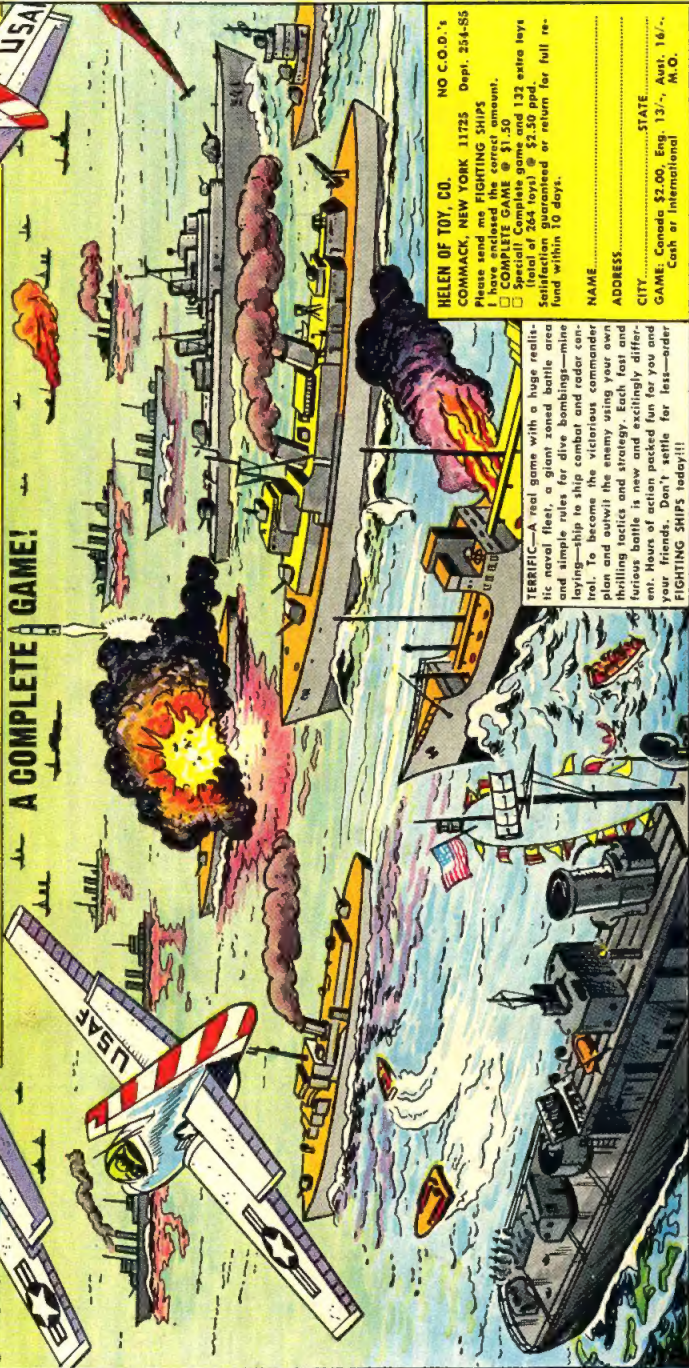
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